YouGov Survey: The FBI and Donald Trump

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Sample	1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
Conducted	August 9 - 12, 2022
Margin of Error	±3.3%

1. How trustworthy do you rate the following government agencies:

	Very trust-worthy	Trustwor-thy	Neither trustwor-thy nor untrust-worthy	Untrust-worthy	Very untrust-worthy	Don't know
DOJ	11%	22%	19%	15%	22%	11%
DHS	9%	25%	22%	13%	20%	12%
DOS	9%	24%	22%	14%	17%	14%
DOD	12%	27%	24%	11%	14%	12%
FBI	11%	24%	21%	10%	23%	10%
NSA	9%	21%	24%	13%	18%	15%
IRS	8%	22%	26%	12%	22%	10%

2. Generally, how much do you trust the FBI to...

	A lot	A little	Not at all	Not sure
Protect the U.S. from a terrorist attack	30%	35%	22%	12%
Protect the U.S. against foreign intelligence, espionage, and cyber operations	30%	38%	20%	11%
Combat white-collar crime	21%	35%	27%	17%
Combat public corruption at all levels	19%	30%	36%	15%
Protect civil rights	20%	34%	32%	14%
Be a politically independent government agency	22%	24%	35%	18%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Christopher Wray, a Donald Trump appointee, is handling his job as Director of the FBI?
Asked of a random half of respondents

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	35%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Christopher Wray is handling his job as Director of the FBI?
Asked of a random half of respondents

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	38%

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5. Do you support or oppose the Presidential Records Act, which establishes that official presidential documents and classified materials must be preserved and given to the National Archives when a president leaves office?

Strongly support 44%
Somewhat support 21%
Somewhat oppose 6%
Strongly oppose 5%
Not sure 24%

6. How important do you think it is that presidents follow the Presidential Records Act by preserving and turning over official presidential documents and classified materials to the National Archives?

Very important 47%
Somewhat important 21%
Not very important 7%
Not at all important 5%
Not sure 20%

7. How often do you think presidents violate the Presidential Records Act by destroying historically relevant documents they are required to preserve?

Very often 20%
Somewhat often 25%
Not very often 17%
Not often at all 13%
Not sure 25%

8. How often do you think presidents violate the Presidential Records Act by keeping classified materials they are required to return?

Very often 17%
Somewhat often 25%
Not very often 18%
Not often at all 14%
Not sure 26%

9. In January, the National Archives retrieved 15 boxes of presidential records that former President Trump took with him to his private residence from the White House when his term ended. Do you approve or disapprove of Trump taking these records?

Strongly approve 10%
Somewhat approve 11%
Somewhat disapprove 11%
Strongly disapprove 44%
Not sure 24%

10. How serious of a problem do you think is if Donald Trump took classified material with him to Florida after leaving office?

Very serious 43%

Somewhat serious 16%

Not very serious 10%

Not at all serious 14%

Not sure 17%

11. At the referral of the National Archives, the Justice Department began investigating Trump for possibly violating the Presidential Records Act. Do you approve or disapprove of the Justice Department investigation taking place?

Strongly approve 40%

Somewhat approve 15%

Somewhat disapprove 8%

Strongly disapprove 20%

Not sure 16%

12. On Monday, the FBI executed a court-ordered search warrant of Trump's private home in relation to the Justice Department's investigation into whether Trump violated the Presidential Records Act. Do you approve or disapprove of the search?

Strongly approve 41%

Somewhat approve 12%

Somewhat disapprove 8%

Strongly disapprove 25%

Not sure 15%

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Interviewing Dates	August 9 - 12, 2022
Target population	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2020 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.389 to 3.679, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.401.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	$\pm$ 3.3% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	55 questions not reported.